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CLAIM LISTING

Amendments To Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended): A method for facilitating biometric security in a transponder-reader transaction system comprising: proffering a biometric sample to a biometric sensor communicating with said system to initiate verification of a said biometric sample for facilitating authorization of a transaction, wherein said verification includes determining whether said biometric sample is associated with a preset transaction limitation.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method for of claim 1, further comprising registering at least one said biometric sample with an authorized sample receiver.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said step of registering further includes at least one of: contacting said authorized sample receiver, proffering a said biometric sample to said authorized sample receiver, processing said biometric to obtain a biometric sample, associating said biometric sample with user information, verifying said biometric sample, and storing said biometric sample upon verification.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of proffering further includes proffering a said biometric sample to a biometric sensor communicating with said system to initiate at least one of: storing, comparing, and verifying said biometric sample.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of proffering a biometric sample to a biometric sensor communicating with said system to initiate

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verification further includes processing database information, wherein said database

information is contained in at least one of a transponder, transponder reader, sensor,

remote server, merchant server and transponder-reader system.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of proffering a

biometric sample to a biometric sensor communicating with said system to initiate

verification further includes comparing a proffered biometric sample with a stored

biometric sample.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said step of comparing includes

comparing a proffered biometric sample to a stored biometric sample by using at least

one of a third-party security vendor device and protocol/sequence controller.

8.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of proffering a

biometric sample to a biometric sensor communicating with said system to initiate

verification further includes at least one of detecting, processing and storing at least

one second proffered biometric sample.

9.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of proffering a

biometric sample to a biometric sensor communicating with said system to initiate

verification further includes the use of at least one secondary security procedure.

10.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said preset transaction limitation comprises
      at least one of a maximum transaction amount, minimum transaction amount,
      maximum number of transactions within a time period, maximum number of
      transactions, use by certain merchants, temporal limitation, geographic limitation, and
      use of non-monetary funds.

11.   (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising requiring a second proffered
      biometric sample to override said preset transaction limitation.

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12.   (New) The method of claim 6, wherein said stored biometric sample is stored by at
       least one of a third-party biometric security vendor and a governmental agency.

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